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(C) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) J. Patrick Holahan, II J. Patrick Holahan, II & Associates LLC 928 E. Baltimore Pike Kennett Square, PA 19348 610-444-9795				Attorneys (If Known) unknown				
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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

KATHLEEN TAVONI

And :

STEVEN K. TAVONI

615 Worrall Ave. : CIVIL ACTION

Kennett Square, PA 19348, : No. 5294

v. :

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JEREMY AUGUSTYNSKI : 34 Grace Lane :

Southbridge, MA 01550 : COMPLAINT

And :

AHEARN EQUIPMENT INC. : 460 Main St. :

Spencer, MA 01562-1906, :

Defendants. :

Plaintiffs, Kathleen Tavoni and Steven Tavoni, wife and husband, complaining of the Defendants by and through their attorney, Law Offices of J. Patrick Holahan, II, & Associates, LLC, respectfully allege as follows:

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

Jurisdiction of this action is conferred upon the Court by 28 U.S.C. §1332, Diversity of Citizenship, in that the Plaintiffs are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Defendants are citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the amount in controversy is in excess of 75,000.00. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1391(a) in that the cause of action arose in this district.

#### **PARTIES**

1. Plaintiffs, Kathleen Tavoni and Steven Tavoni are adult individuals, husband and wife and citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with a place of residence

located at 615 Worrall Avenue, Kennett Square, Chester County, PA.

- 2. Defendant, Jeremy Augustynski is an adult individual, a citizen of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with a place of residence located at 34 Grace Lane, Southbridge, MA, and at all times pertinent to this Complaint was acting in his individual capacity and the agent, servant, workman, or employee of Defendant Ahearn Equipment Inc., and at all times pertinent to this Complaint was operating a certain 2011 Chevrolet Silverado with a trailer attached and said vehicles were owned by Defendant Ahearn Equipment Inc.
- 3. Defendant Ahearn Equipment Inc. is a corporation, partnership, and sole proprietorship, doing business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with its headquarters or personal place of business located at 460 Main Street, Spencer, Massachusetts, and for the purpose of this diversity action is a citizen of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- 4. At all times pertinent to this Complaint, Defendant Ahearn Equipment Inc. was the employer of Defendant Jeremy Augustynski, and the owner of a certain 2011 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck with a utility trailer attached which was operated by the Defendant Jeremy Augustynski with full permission by Defendant Ahearn Equipment Inc.
- 5. At all times pertinent to this Complaint, Defendant Jeremy Augustynsky was the operator of a certain pickup truck with utility trailer attached, owned by Defendant Ahearn Equipment Inc. and with the full permission of Ahearn Equipment Inc., and at all times pertinent to this Complaint, Defendant Jeremy Augustynski was acting in his own capacity and as the agent, servant, workman, and/or employee of Defendant Ahearn Equipment Inc. within the scope of his employment.

### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 6. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1-5 above inclusive as though the same were more fully set forth at length herein.
- 7. On or about October 2, 2012, at or about 3:35 p.m. the Plaintiff, Kathleen Tavoni was operating a school bus owned by George Kraft Jr. and Sons Inc., and was returning children home from school within the Kennett Consolidated School District, and while operating said motor vehicle in a northbound direction on Penn Green Road at or about its intersection with Laurel Heights Road in New Garden Township, Chester County Pennsylvania.
- 8. On that same date and at that same time, Defendant, Jeremy
  Augustynski, was operating the pickup and trailer attachment owned by
  Defendant Ahearn Equipment Inc.in a westerly direction on Laurel Heights Road,
  and was approaching the intersection with Penn Green Road. Laurel Heights Road does
  have a stop sign for traffic entering onto Penn Green Road.
- 9. On the above said date and time, Defendant Jeremy Augustynski, negligently caused the pickup truck and trailer to enter the intersection without stopping at the stop sign and collided with the school bus, which in turn caused Plaintiff's vehicle to spin around and come to a stop in the opposite direction on Penn Green Road.
- 10. The above-described accident caused certain damages and injuries to the Plaintiff, Kathleen Tavoni, more fully set forth hereafter.

# <u>NEGLIGENCE</u> A. PLANTIFFS vs. JEREMY AUGUSTYNSKI

11. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1-10 above inclusive as though the same were

re fully set forth at length herein.

- 12. The aforementioned accident, as well as the injuries and damages as set forth more fully hereinafter, were in no way caused by any act or failure to act on the part of the Plaintiffs, and the Plaintiffs did not in any way contribute to the cause of this said accident, or to the damages or injuries which resulted therefrom.
- 13. Plaintiff Kathleen Tavoni's injuries, as set more fully hereinafter, were the direct and proximate result of the intent, negligence, carelessness, recklessness and/or gross negligence of the Defendant, Jeremy Augustynski, whose acts, actions or omissions, consisted of, but were not limited to the following:
- a. operating his motor vehicle at an excessive rate of speed under the circumstances;
  - b. failing to maintain his vehicle under proper and adequate control;
  - c. failing to observe the Plaintiff's vehicle on the highway;
- d. failing to operate his vehicle in accordance with the existing traffic conditions and controls;
- e. negligently failing to apply his breaks when by doing so he could have avoided the accident;
- f. failing to stop at the clearly designated stop sign controlling traffic for vehicles on Laurel Heights Road;
  - g. operating his vehicle in a manner not consistent with the road and

weather conditions prevailing at the time;

- h. failing to operate his motor vehicle in a speed in a manner that would have allowed him to stop at the stop sign within the assured cleared distance ahead;
- i. negligently failing to keep the brakes system in his vehicle in proper and safe working condition;
  - j. negligently applying the brakes of his vehicle;
- k. otherwise operating said motor vehicle in a careless, reckless, and negligent manner and in a manner violating the motor vehicle code of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

#### B. PLAINTIFFS vs. DEFENDANT AHEARN EQUIPMENT INC.

- 14. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1-13 above inclusive as though the same were more fully set forth at length herein.
- 15. Plaintiff Kathleen Tavoni's injuries as set forth more fully herein after, were the direct and proximate result of the intent, negligence, carelessness, and/or gross negligence of Defendant Ahearn Equipment Inc., whose acts, actions, or omissions consisted of, but were not limited to the following:
- a. all allegations of negligence as alleged against Defendant Jeremy

  Augustynski, are included herein by reference, are imputed against this Defendant on the theories of agency, employment, respondent superior, and common purpose of plans;

- b. negligent entrustment of a motor vehicle in question to a person not qualified to operate the vehicle under the conditions that existed at the time of the accident;
- c. failing to adequately guarantee that the person to whom said vehicle was entrusted would operate the vehicle in a safe and proper manner;
- d. negligently failing to properly inspect the motor vehicle to ensure that said vehicle was in a good, safe, working order, and specifically the braking system of said vehicle was in order;
- f. negligently allowing its' employee driver to operate its' vehicle when

  Defendant knew, or should have known in the exercise of ordinary care, that the brake system of
  the truck was not in good, proper, safe, working order.

#### DAMAGES

# A. KATHLEEN TAVONI AGAINST DEFENDANTS

- 16. Plaintiff incorporates paragraphs 1-15 above inclusive as though the same were more fully set forth at length herein.
- 17. As a result of the aforementioned accident, Plaintiff, Kathleen Tavoni, suffered severe injuries, which include but are not limited to the following:
  - a. aggravation to preexisting lumbar disc herniation at L4-5;
- b. bilateral L5 radiculopathy as confirmed in the EMG study of February 14, 2013;
  - c. bilateral L4 rediculitis;
  - d. aggravation to preexisting carpal tunnel;

- e. left shoulder contusions including tearing of the labrum and tearing of the subscapulais tendon with the rotator cuff tendinopathy;
  - f. bursitis left should;
  - g. C3-C4, C4-C5 disc bulging with flattening of the thecal sac anteriorly;
- h. cervical strain and sprain including aggravation to asymptomatic degenerative changes;
  - i. aggravation to preexisting lumbar degenerative changes;
  - j. severe shock to her nerves and nervous system; and
  - k. great and severe pain, suffering and mental anguish.

Some or all of the above-mentioned injuries may and probably will be permanent in nature, further amplifying the pain, suffering and mental anguish of the Plaintiff, Kathleen Tavoni.

18. As a result of her injuries, Plaintiff, Kathleen Tavoni, has or may have suffered a permanent disability and impairment of her earning power and capacity.

- 19. As of this date, Plaintiff, Kathleen Tavoni, has lost emoluments of employment in excess of those reimbursed to her under the terms of equitable insurance coverage including workman's compensation insurance coverage, and therefore demands payment of this amount from the Defendant.
- 20. As a result of her injuries, Plaintiff, Kathleen Tavoni, sustained a permanent diminution in her ability to enjoy life and life's pleasures.
- 21. As a result of her injuries, Plaintiff, Kathleen Tavoni, has incurred or may hereinafter incur other medical expenses and income losses which exceed sums recoverable under any workman's compensation coverage.
- 22. As a result of the accident caused by the Defendants, and the injuries suffered by Plaintiff, Kathleen Tavoni, the Plaintiff has undergone extensive medical treatment, therapy and use of therapeutic devices, plus extensive medications, and may and probably will continue to do so for an indefinite time into the future, perhaps permanently.
- 23. The aforementioned injuries suffered by Plaintiff, Kathleen Tavoni, were caused, activated, aggravated or accelerated by the accident in question.
- 24. Plaintiff, Kathleen Tavoni, is subject to reimbursement pursuant to the Pennsylvania Worker's Compensation Act 77 P.S. § 671.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Kathleen Tavoni, respectfully demands judgment against each Defendant jointly and severally in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00.

#### B. STEVEN TAVONI v. DEFENDANTS

25. Plaintiffs incorporate paragraphs 1-24 above inclusive as though the same were

more fully set forth at length herein.

- 26. Plaintiff, Steven Tavoni, avers that he is the husband of the Plaintiff, Kathleen Tavoni.
- 27. As a result of the injuries and damages suffered by his said wife, caused by the negligence of the Defendants as above-described, Plaintiff, Steven Tavoni, has been deprived of the society, companionship, and consortium of his said wife, all to his great financial and emotional detriment.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Steven Tavoni, respectfully demands judgment against each Defendant jointly and severally, in an amount in excess of \$75,000.00, plus costs.

### **JURY TRIAL**

The Plaintiffs, Kathleen Tavoni and Stephen Tavoni, respectfully demand a trial by jury.

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# **AFFIDAVIT**

I, Kathleen Tavoni, the Plaintiff in the forgoing pleading hereby states that the facts contained herein are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief and this Affidavit or Verification is made subject to penalties of 18 Pa. C.S.A. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

KATHLEEN TAVONI